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SUBJECT: THREE KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: INFO ABOUT KABILA GROUP

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1. MARXIST-LENINIST COMMUNIST PARTY OF BELGIUM (MLCPB) HAS FEW ADHERENTS (LESS THAN 100) AND IS RELATIVELY INSIGNIFICANT AMONG BELGIAN LEFTIST ORGANIZATIONS. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON ITS POSSIBLE CONNECTIONS WITH KABILA GROUP. MLCPB MAY SUPPORT KABILA, BUT SINCE MLCPB HAS FEW RESOURCES TO DRAW ON (IT NO LONGER RECEIVED ENCOURAGEMENT OF CHINESE COMMUNISTS)

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IT IS LIKELY THAT SUPPORT WOULD BE MORE MORAL AND EXHORTATIVE

THAN MATERIAL.

2. WE HAVE CONTACT WHO SYMPATHIZES WITH AND HAS EXCELLENT ACCESS TO BELGIAN MARXIST-LENINISTS. IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO EXPLORE WITH HIM EXISTENCE OF MLCPB CONNECTIONS WITH KABILA GROUP AND POSSIBILITY OF USING MLCPB AS CHANNEL TO KABILA. SUCH APPROACH, HOWEVER, WOULD NECESSARILY INVOLVE INDICATING TO CONTACT THAT WE "SUSPECT" KABILA GROUP TO BE INVOLVED IN KIDNAPPING AND ARE AWARE OF POSSIBLE MLCPB CONNECTION WITH GROUP.

3. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER WE SHOULD PURSUE CONTACT MENTIONED ABOVE. FIRESTONE UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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